

# Sumter

## South Carolina



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*Delightful Stays & Southern Ways*



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## *Community Overview*

- *EDUCATION*
- *REAL ESTATE*
- *EMPLOYMENT*
- *ECONOMIC GROWTH*
- *QUALITY OF LIFE*
- *RESOURCES*

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT

## Located in historic Downtown Sumter



*Sumter County Courthouse*  
*7 Single Member County Council*



*City Hall / Sumter Opera House*  
*Mayor &*  
*6 Single Member City Council*  
*Council Manager form of Government*



# EDUCATION

## *Sumter School District 17*



<http://district.sumter17.k12.sc.us>



# EDUCATION

## *Sumter School District 2*



[www.sumter2.org](http://www.sumter2.org)





# EDUCATION

## *District Consolidation*

*Completed by July 1, 2011*



*Shaw & Sumter*  
**Welcome...**

*Shaw & Sumter*  
**WELCOME**

*Sumter*  
**SHAW AFB**

*Greetings from*  
**THE MAYOR**

*Local Color*  
**AREA PROFILE**

*In the Middle of*  
**EVERYTHING**

*Learning for Life*  
**EDUCATION**

*Getting Connected*  
**UTILITIES**

*How Can We*  
**ASSIST YOU**

**Shaw and Sumter Welcome... USARCENT to Sumter, South Carolina:**

Nestled between the beaches and mountains of the Palmetto State, Sumter and the City of Sumter offer wonderfully mild temperatures and a landscape as beautiful and as luminous as our Japanese Irises in May. A metropolitan city with a small town feel, Sumter, known for being in "The Middle of Everything," is a place where friendly people who work to make this a great place to live.

From the Sumter natives to the newcomers and the retirees who choose to remain here to those who have moved here, Sumter is full of people with diverse interests and personalities. The sense of community and the immediate feeling of place and home make Sumter a great place to live. Southern hospitality. Beautiful surroundings with big city amenities close by. Sumter is a place where the community together.

Join the Sumter family and enjoy the beauty that surrounds us each and every day.

[www.usarcentsumter.com](http://www.usarcentsumter.com)

# EDUCATION



*Central Carolina Technical College*  
*Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University*

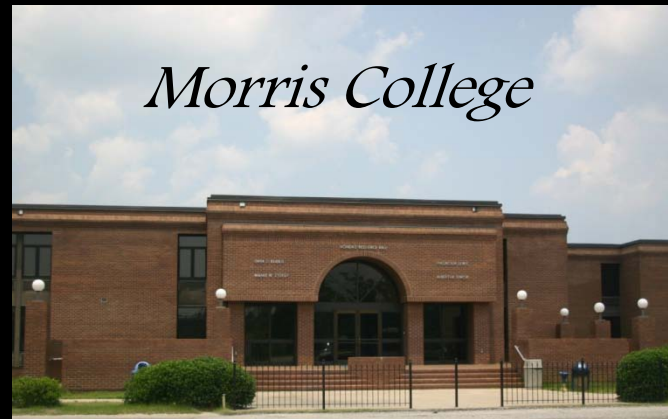
*Morris College*

*St. Leo University*

*Troy State University*

*University of South Carolina*

*Webster University*



# REAL ESTATE

*Based upon a 30 year mortgage at 5% interest.*

*Rates will likely be higher in 2 years*

<u>HOME</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>Property Tax</u>
\$201,000	\$1,079 without T&I	\$1,200
\$203,000	\$1,090 without T&I	
\$217,000	\$1,165 without T&I	
\$248,500	\$1,334 without T&I	
\$279,000	\$1,498 without T&I	
\$281,500	\$1,511 without T&I	

*All of this assumes a  
20% down payment  
and no private mortgage insurance*



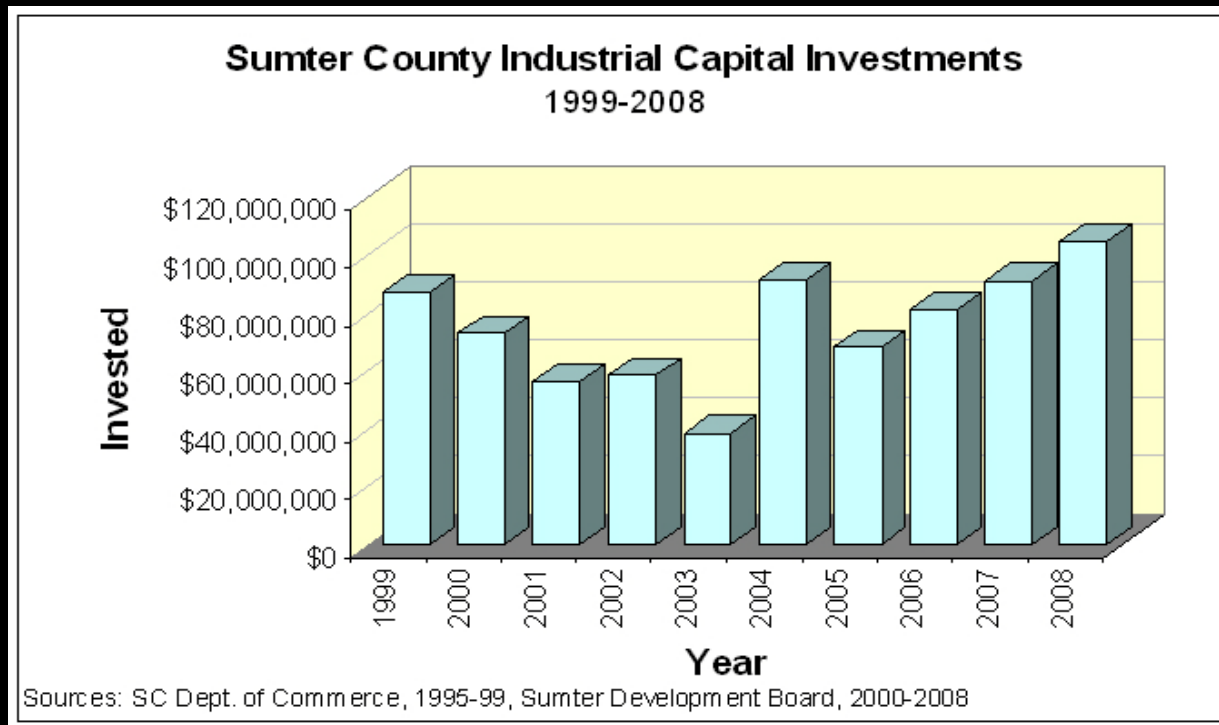
# REAL ESTATE



# ECONOMIC GROWTH

## Sumter Smarter Growth Initiative

[www.sumteredge.com](http://www.sumteredge.com)

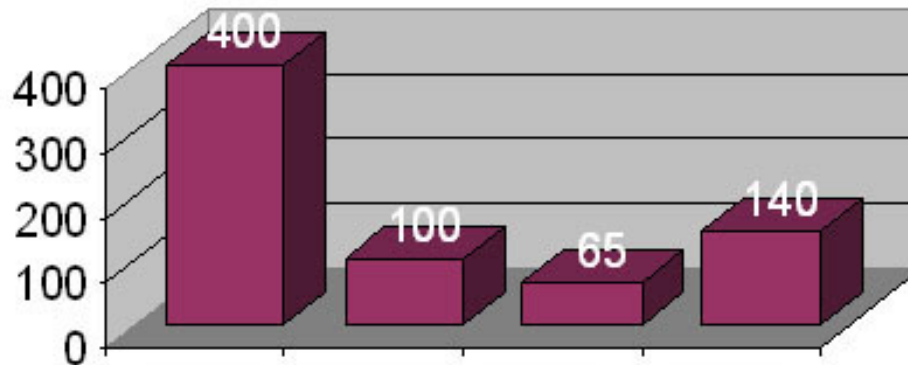


- *2008 was the 1<sup>st</sup> year since 1998 to bring in 100 million dollars in Capital Investments.*

# EMPLOYMENT

## Sumter Smarter Growth Initiative

**Expected Job Creation in Sumter County**  
2009



- *On Monday we announced a call center adding 100 jobs to the market and look to have a strong win of approximately 1,200 jobs before June.*



# EMPLOYMENT

[www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com)

## *JOB TITLE – CITY & STATE – SEARCH RESULTS*

***Education** in Sumter, SC – 10 Mile Radius – 78 positions available*

***Medical** in Sumter, SC – 10 Mile Radius – 148 positions available*

***Business** in Sumter, SC – 10 Mile Radius – 79 positions available*

***Administrative** in Sumter, SC – 10 Mile Radius – 16 positions available*

***Manufacturing** in Sumter, SC – 10 Mile Radius – 44 positions available*

***Currently 526 jobs posted in Sumter***

# ECONOMIC GROWTH

*Sumter has committed approximately 80 million dollars to designated community improvement projects to be completed over the next six to seven years. Below are a few of the projects...*

- Rural Fire Station Construction and Renovation
- Patriot Park Athletic Complex and Activities Center
- Intersection Safety Improvements
- Improvements to Highway 15 South Corridor
- Community Center Construction and Renovation
- Sumter County Exhibition Center
- Sumter Central Business District Intersection and Infrastructure
- Lafayette Drive/ Hwy 378 Interchange



# ECONOMIC GROWTH

## Central Carolina Technical College Health Sciences Building



*CCTC Health Sciences project...work will begin early summer. Completion should be by fall 2010 and will be the finest Nursing training facility in the Southeast.*

*Main Street ~ Downtown Sumter*



# ECONOMIC GROWTH

## James E. Clyburn Intermodal Transportation Center



# ECONOMIC GROWTH

## *Streetscape Improvements – Opera House Entrance*





# ECONOMIC GROWTH



*Upper level housing in Downtown:*

*The plan is to begin with 10 apartment units in 2009 and have at least 50 upper story downtown apartments by 2012.*



# ECONOMIC GROWTH

## Parking Lot Improvements







# ECONOMIC GROWTH

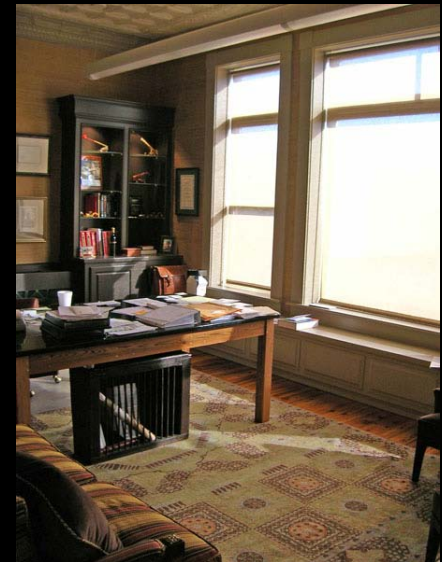
## *HAMPTONS* *Fine Dining Restaurant*





# ECONOMIC GROWTH

*Thompson Industrial – 7 Million Dollar Downtown Investment*







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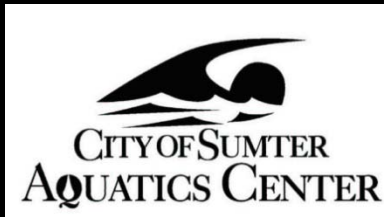
# ECONOMIC GROWTH

*Sumter Growth and Development Department*



[www.sumterdevelopment.com](http://www.sumterdevelopment.com)





# QUALITY OF LIFE







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*11 – Tournaments in 2008  
\$3,170,800 Economic Impact  
2009*

*MEAC Round Up in March  
Pro Open to Return in May*

*6~New Deco Turf Courts  
Total 24 Courts*



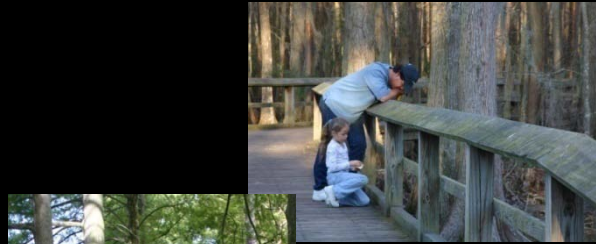


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Swan Lake – Iris Gardens





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# QUALITY OF LIFE

## Swan Lake ~ Iris Gardens

*Grainger McKoy*





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## Tourism

*Each day, more than 2,000 visitors here in Sumter see the smiling faces throughout our community. More than 810,000 visitors pass through Sumter annually as tourists and we may never know who they are. The tourism industry is powerful in Sumter, with more than a 68.6 million dollar economic impact in 2007. The Sumter tourism industry has more than doubled within the past 10 years and produced nearly 800 tourism related jobs with an annual payroll of 12.3 million dollars. Sumter Smiles Back each and every day to out-of-town visitors from across the nation and around the world. From one smile to another... Sumter Smiles Back and tourists experience the real Sumter, South Carolina.*



# QUALITY OF LIFE

## Patriot Park Athletic Complex and Activities Center

*More than 3,500 youth athletes in Sumter County participate in soccer, baseball, softball and football each year, learning about teamwork and healthy lifestyles.*



- T-Ball (ages 4,5)
- Baseball (ages 7-19)

- Softball (ages 7-18)
- Soccer (ages 7-18) – 6 FIELDS



# QUALITY OF LIFE



## ***PHASE II:***

- *Four Regulation Baseball Fields*
- *Control Towers-Baseball Fields*
- *Spectator Facilities*
- *Walking Paths and Green Space*
- *Nature Education Center*

# QUALITY OF LIFE



## *DOWNTOWN FESTIVALS & EVENTS*



*Sip n' Stroll*

*Sumter's House of Comedy*

*House of Bluegrass*

*House of Classic Movies*

*House of Legends*

*Sumter @ Six*

*Friday's at the Terrace*

*Sumter Shaw Street Fest*

*Halloween on Main*

## **Festivals & Events**

*Iris Festival*

*Sumter Green's Fall Feast*

*Jammin' July 4th*

*Fantasy of Lights*



# RESOURCES



800-688-4748

[www.sumtersc.gov](http://www.sumtersc.gov)

**GUIDED TOURS**



[www.thirdarmysumter.com](http://www.thirdarmysumter.com)

[www.usarcentsumter.com](http://www.usarcentsumter.com)

*Calendar of Events*



# RESOURCES





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South Carolina

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### Swan Lake Visitors Center Staff

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 <b>Visitors Information Coordinator</b> Dianne Follin	 <b>Community Marketing Specialist</b> Debra Greene

[www.sumtourtourism.com](http://www.sumtourtourism.com)

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